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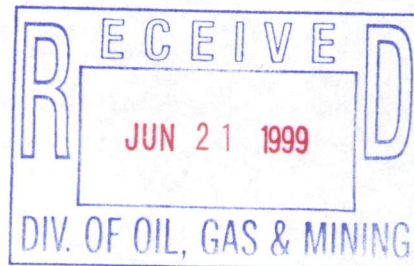
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Mr. William Bown
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Dear Mr. Bown:

On May 28, 1999, Utah Building Stone Supply (UBSS) had established a Record of Noncompliance for constructing an unauthorized "privy" on the Dove Creek mill site and for UBSS's failure to stockpile topsoil at the mill site located in Section 12, T. 12 N., R. 15 W. (UMC 364712). All operators who have established a Record of Noncompliance must submit a Plan of Operations and post a 100% reclamation bond with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) for all existing and subsequent operations that would otherwise be conducted under a Notice.

On December 9, 1997, we received a copy of your incomplete Plan of Operations from the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) for proposed mining activities on your Golden Eagle #2-7, Rusty Rock, and Windy Ridge placer mining claims in the Grouse Creek Mountain area located in T. 12 N., R. 17 W., Sections 1, 3, 10 and 11, and T. 13 N., R. 17 W., Sections 34 and 35. On January 24, 1998, UBSS received our letter requesting that a map be submitted showing the exact areas where UBSS proposed to mine, including access roads on BLM lands, and an estimate of the total acreage for UBSS's mining related activities. In that letter UBSS was informed that UDOGM estimated the acreage associated with access roads on BLM lands to be 8.5 acres. No actual mining acreage was included in this figure, and to date we have not received information sufficient to complete the Plan of Operations.

To date, UBSS's Plan of Operations for the Grouse Creek area has not been perfected with the BLM. There is currently no authorization to mine from this area. Because of UBSS's recent Record of Noncompliance, no mining or milling activities on BLM managed lands in the Grouse Creek area will be permitted until UBSS has submitted a Plan of Operations, the BLM has approved the Plan, and UBSS has posted a 100% reclamation bond with the BLM for continued operations at the site. If UBSS chooses to cease operations on BLM lands in the Grouse Creek area, and not file a Plan of Operations as required, all surface disturbance in this area must be reclaimed immediately.

Please be advised that if UBSS chooses to operate on BLM managed lands in the Grouse Creek area without first submitting and having approved a Plan of Operations and posting a bond for 100% of the cost of reclamation, UBSS will be enjoined from the continuation of such operations by a court order.

We have enclosed a Plan of Operations form for your use. If you have any questions, or require additional information, please feel free to contact Michael Ford of my staff at (801) 977-4360.

Sincerely,

LEON E. BERGGREN

ACTING DISTRICT MANAGER
Glenn A. Carpenter
Field Manager

Enclosure

cc: D. Wayne Hedberg
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